

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, AF  
SUBJECT: USE OF NARCOTICS FILM "THE TRIP" ON AFGHAN TV

1. UTILIZING POST TRANSLATION, ARIANA AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION SCREENED AGENCY PRODUCED NARCOTICS FILM "THE TRIP" FOR ITS TELEVISION AUDIENCE. ALTHOUGH AANRT HAS NOT BEGUN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE, MANY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES TUNE IN DAILY "TEST" BROADCASTING IN EVENINGS.

BEGIN LOU

2. ON EVENING " THE TRIP" WAS SHOWN, AANRT HAD SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY WITH COLOR BALANCE. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT SAW FILM AND, MUCH IMPRESSED, ASKED THAT IT BE RE-RECORDED WITH BETTER COLOR RENDITION AND SCREENED AGAIN. END LOU. AANRT HAS NOW EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OTHER NARCOTICS FILMS AND HAS REVIEWED "THE SOURCE" AND "THE CONNECTIONS" FROM POST FILM LIBRARY WITH INTENT TO USE ON TV AS SOON AS DUBBING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. SCRIPTS AND BROADCAST QUALITY PRINTS REQUESTED SEPTTEL.  
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3. TV'S FOLLOWING AMONG RANKING GOA OFFICIALS IS GROWING AS SETS BECOME MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE HERE, SO WE ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO REPEATED SCREENINGS OF EFFECTIVE FILMS ON NARCOTICS. SUCH SCREENINGS PRESENT NARCOTICS ISSUES TO AFGHAN PUBLIC MORE OPENLY AND WITH GREATER IMPACT THAN IS CUSTOMARY IN OTHER AFGHAN MEDIA. AWARENESS

OF SOCIAL DAMAGE FROM MISUSE OF NARCOTICS AND RESULTING  
UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND EFFORTS TO CONTROL  
ILLCIT TRAFFIC SHOULD ENHANCE EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER  
MISSION EFFORTS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.  
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